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STATUS OF 20 ANIMALS TO BE REVIEWED

Twenty animals not currently recognized as endangered species are to be reviewed by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to see whether they should be added to the list. None are native to North America.

All 20 species are currently listed on Appendix I of the International Convention on Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

At the Conference of the Parties to the Convention held in Berne, Switzerland, in 1976, the addition of 45 animals (including the 20) to Appendix I of the Convention was approved. Appendix I is defined as including "all species threatened with extinction which are or may be affected by trade."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends now to review the status of these 20 to see if any or all of them should be determined as endangered or threatened.

Given the large number of species under review, a longer period than usual will be allowed for public comment on the review, and any information received before January 1, 1978, will be given full consideration. Such information should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240.

As required by the Act, the Service is consulting with the foreign countries in which the following animals are resident. All other interested parties are invited to submit any factual information, including publications and written reports, on any or all of these species.

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The Appendix I species that are under review are:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Where Found</u>
Bear, Asiatic black	<u>Selenarctos thibetanus</u> <u>gedrosianus</u>	Pakistan
Bear, spectacled	<u>Tremarctos ornatus</u>	Andes of South America
Chinchillas	<u>Chinchilla</u> spp.	Andes of South America
Dog, bush	<u>Speothos venaticus</u>	N.E. South America
Marmoset, buff-headed	<u>Callithrix flaviceps</u>	Eastern Brazil
Marmoset, pygmy	<u>Cebuella pygmaea</u>	Andes of South America
Marmoset, white-eared	<u>Callithrix aurita</u>	Eastern Brazil
Otter, European	<u>Lutra lutra</u>	Europe and Asia
Rhinoceros, black	<u>Diceros bicornis</u>	Central and Southern Africa
Rhinoceros, southern white	<u>Cerotherium simum</u> <u>simum</u>	Southern Africa
Eagle, imperial	<u>Aquila heliaca</u>	Southern Europe to central Asia
Eagle, white-tailed	<u>Haliaetus albicilla</u>	Greenland, Iceland, north- ern and eastern Europe; northern, central, and eastern Asia
Falcon, peregrine	<u>Falco peregrinus</u>	Most of Eurasia, Africa, Australia
Kestrel, Aldabra	<u>Falco newtoni</u> <u>aldabranus</u>	Aldabra Island
Boas, mad	<u>Acantophis</u> spp.	Australia, New Guinea
Boas, Round Island	<u>Bolyeria</u> spp.	Round Island off Mauritius
Boas, Round Island	<u>Casarea</u> spp.	Round Island off Mauritius
Boa, tree	<u>Sanzivia</u> <u>madagascariensis</u>	Madagascar
Crocodile, dwarf	<u>Osteolaemus tetraspis</u>	West Africa
Crocodile, mugger	<u>Crocodylus palustris</u>	India, Sri Lanka